

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of a political advertisement. The local Sinclair station, KDNL, ABC30 in St. Louis, MO. does not even broadcast local news. They are not operating in the public interest and should lose their license.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line or their political agenda instead of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced far away at "News Central", it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about real issues not political propaganda.

This is an example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair Broadcasting is not operating in the public interest. Thank you.